# ROAD RULES



**Pedestrians** 

## From 30 November 2009 there will be some changes to the road rules for pedestrians

#### Pedestrians

Pedestrians will now be required to walk along a road on the same side as and facing oncoming traffic unless it is impracticable to do so.

However, pedestrians must not travel along the carriageway if there is a footpath or nature strip along that road where they could walk.

#### The new rules

Pedestrians must, when moving forward, face approaching traffic that is moving in the direction opposite to which the pedestrian is travelling, unless it is impracticable to do so. They must also use footpaths or nature strips adjacent to the road before they walk along the carriageway.

#### What you have to do

When walking along a road make sure you walk on any footpath or nature strip first, but if you have to walk along the road ensure it is on the same side as and facing oncoming traffic unless it is impracticable to do so.

#### Road safety reasons

The new pedestrian rule has safety benefits for all people who have to walk along a road. Walkers will be able to see oncoming traffic and hopefully avoid being hit from behind by a vehicle travelling close to the side of the road.



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